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A young woman shared the following story about her husband on a social media post, she said,

"Today my husband bought an 18 pack of Batman Ice Cream bars. I'm so jealous of how happy they made him.

My husband works as a handy man and does odd jobs through the summer and he did some work today for a company that supplies ice cream trucks. When he finished he went over and asked if he could buy a box of Batman ice cream bars and they were happy to sell them to him.

He was so excited when I got home today. He sang the old theme to the Adam West show as part of the reveal. When I mentioned that we already had ice cream, his immediate response was, "Babe, that ice cream is great, but it's NOT in the shape of the world's greatest detective". To be clear, he didn't say it in a rude way, but in a 'this ice cream looks like batman so it's amazing' way. Two of his friends even came over to see and have some of his Batman ice cream bars with him.

I tell this story to say I don't think anything has made me that kind of happy....like I've been other types of happy...but not in a sense of being overjoyed because of icecream bars in the shape of a bat. I'm jealous and I don't want to be!"

Here's the deal. Sometimes, we just grow up too fast.

In Matthew 18:1-4, Jesus said,

"Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them.

Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus was telling His followers...in order to have eternal life...you need to turn from your sins. You need to have the humility of a little child, and make Jesus the Lord of your life.

When we start thinking we are too big for our britches, that's when we get into trouble. In addition, when we lose the wonder that children have for the world...it robs us of some of our God-given joy.

C.S. Lewis put it this way, he said, "Everyone begins as a child by liking Weather. You learn the art of disliking it as you grow up. Noticed it on a snowy day? The grown-ups are all going about with long faces, but look at the children - and the dogs? They know what snow's made for."

This Christmas, the best gift is Jesus. Emmanuel. God with us. He came from Heaven to Earth to pay the price for our sins and bring us back to God.

And he also came to give us life, and life more abundantly. Don't be afraid to enjoy the small things this Christmas. Play with the toys with your kids. Laugh at the silliness...Play in the snow.

Don't become too grown up for your own good.

Pastor Jim.





HOLIDAY MEAL

Our Holiday Meal will be Sunday, December 8th, after morning worship. More details will be coming in the bulletin.



GREETERS

- November 3 – Phyllis Dawson
- November 10 – Owen Satterfield
- November 17 – Crystal Blanks
- November 24 – Joan Boutwell
- December 1 – Stover Owen
- December 8 – Ricky Loftis
- December 15 – Phyllis Dawson
- December 22 – Owen Satterfield
- December 29 – Crystal Blanks



On Sunday Evenings we are doing a Lifeway study called Characters at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall.

On Wednesday Evenings we are doing a Liturgy series by D.K. McKelvey at 7PM in the fellowship hall.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Our Hanging of the Greens service will be Sun. Dec. 1st at 6:00PM. We will have refreshments in the fellowship hall following the service.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The New Young Adult Sunday School class (Matt's Class) will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 24th after the morning worship service.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be doing Christmas cards again this year. You can start bringing your cards on DECEMBER 8th. There will be a front pew set aside so you can put your cards in the box or sort them by names.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Our Christmas cantata is called, "Peace on Earth". It will take place on Sunday, December 15th, during the morning worship time. Please make plans to come.



Hanukkah

As was the custom of the Jews, Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of dedication called Hanukkah. While there, He stood up and declared to the crowd, 'I am the light of the world', but they did not believe. – submitted by Betty Burton.



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

(To add a name, please contact Pastor Jim)

- 1st Tammy Hall – B
- 2nd Chad Lloyd – B
- 3rd Lisa Davis – B
- 9th Duane Murphy – B
Tara Holzclaw – B
- 12th Jenny Cole – B
- 13th Kristie Claiborne – B
- 14th Bruce Riley – B
- 18th Meghan Talley – B
- 19th Brittany Cole – B
Jim Kopco – B
- 21st Patricia Smith – B
- 23rd Inez Baylous – B
- 24th James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
Anna Kate Clark - B
- 25th Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A
- 26th Brandi Abbott
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A



**December
BIRTHDAYS**

& ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please contact Pastor Jim)

- 1st Christie Clayton – B
- 2nd Kim & Joe Martin – A
Jay Henderson – B
- 6th Audrey Dawson – B
- 7th George Baylous – B
- 9th Evan Owen – B
- 10th John Ambrose, Jr. – B
- 12th Hollis Owen – B
Mike Plainte – B
- 15th Danny & Cecelia Owen – A
- 16th Jim & Julie Kopco – A
- 20th John & Kathy Ambrose – A
- 21st Amy Layman Ledyard – B
- 22nd Cindy Nichols Nelson – B
- 23rd Richard & Trudy Epps – A
- 30th Kelly Ingram - B



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY
OR ANNIVERSARY ADDED TO OUR
NEWSLETTER LIST,
PLEASE LET PASTOR JIM KNOW!
THANK YOU!